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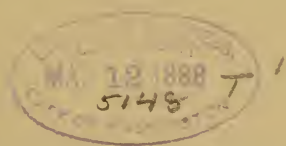
Joyous Easter Voices.





JOYOUS EASTER VOICES.

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BE glad! be glad! For Christ your Lord is risen

Ring out! ye bells in a silver chime,

Herald the joyous Easter-time

Blend your notes in the song sublime:

That swells from earth to Heaven.

Sing out! sing out! Ye birds in the glad sunshine

But hark! ye voices of praise,

In warblings sweet, or resonant lays,

Tell of your joy in a thousand ways.

And tell it in every time.



AWAKE! awake! Ye flowers so sweet and shy

Come from under your clustering leaves,

Show your fair faces among the wreaths

That worshiping Love, as an offering weaves,

To lay on the altars high.

Rejoice! rejoice! Ye blossoming shrubs and trees

Ye that garments so dainty wear,

That smile on the world so pure and fair,

Breathe your fragrance upon the air

Laden the javous breeze.

AND blow! and blow! Ye breezes soft and mild

Gather your sweets from flower and tree,

Bear them afar over land and sea,

Scatter them wide wherever ye be,

In garden or desert wild

And flow! and flow! Ye brooks and waters fair

Carry the tidings far and well

Sing, as ye go over rock and dale,

To far-off strands your gladness tell,

That some may be gladdened there.

ON high! on high! Ye mountains, too, rejoice!

From gentle slope to highest crest,

Waft, and echo the tidings blest,

As each resounding — still the best —

Rises, a wondrous voice.

Arise! arise! all that have voice and sing

Sing for the Saviour risen to-day.

The beauty of earth, the heavenly way

Let every heart in its gladness say

"Christ is our Lord and King."

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